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2005 Non-fat Dry Milk Program not likely

A 2005 Non-fat Dry Milk Program will most likely not be available, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In 2003, USDA's Commodity Credit Corporations (CCC) inventory of Non-fat dry milk reached 1.247 billion pounds. Because USDA was not able to use the entire inventory, officials began seeking outlets for the excess NDM. The 2004 Livestock Feed Initiative was one of 11 outlets chosen. Other distribution included faith based and community initiatives that were mostly geared toward domestic and export food aid and humanitarian assistance.

Currently, CCC's NDM inventory is below 300 million pounds and according to USDA "is committed in its entirety to program use." If future surpluses are available, priority will be given to human consumption.

Questions can be directed to the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at (307) 777-7067.

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